NOTIFICATION.

No. G. 1456, dated the 20th August 1906.

The following order of His Highness the Maharaja is published for general information :—

I. In supersession of Notification No. 33, dated the 8th August 1902, His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to direct that the Council, therein styled the Consultative Council, shall be styled "The Council of His Highness the Maharaja" and that it shall consist as heretofore of the Dewan and two Members, whose duty it will be to advise His Highness in all important matters.

II. The following rules are prescribed for the conduct of business in the Council of His Highness the Maharaja : —

1. The work of the State will be distributed by Departments between the Dewan and the Councillors as shown in the appended statement, which will be liable to alteration at the discretion of His Highness the Maharaja.

2. Cases falling under the Schedule appended to this Notification shall be submitted by the Secretary in the first instance to the Dewan or Councillor in charge of the Department concerned, on whom will rest the initiative, entailing, where necessary, the preparation of a note for the consideration of the Council. They shall then be placed before the Council, and submitted, with the opinion of the Dewan and Councillors, for the orders of His Highness the Maharaja, by the Dewan.

3. Cases not falling under the Schedule shall ordinarily be dealt with by the Member in charge of the Department to which the case pertains. Similarly the Dewan will deal with non-scheduled cases pertaining to the Departments under his charge. But certain important classes of cases relating to the Departments under the charge of a Member (to be specified in confidential Secretariat instructions prepared under the orders of His Highness the Maharaja) shall be dealt with by the Dewan in his capacity as the Chief Executive Officer of the State. Such cases the Secretary, after noting or drafting, shall forward to the Dewan for disposal through the Councillor or Councillors in charge of the Department or Departments concerned, who will note his or their suggestions as to the orders which should issue.

Provided as follows :—

(i) When the matter dealt with by a Councillor is one involving doubt, delicacy or importance, the papers shall, before the issue of final orders, be referred to the Dewan.

(ii) The Dewan may also, in any particular case, direct that the papers be submitted to him before the issue of final orders.

(iii) The Dewan may also call for the records in any case in order to satisfy himself as to the correctness of orders issued under the directions of a Councillor.

(iv) An abstract of the cases disposed of by each Councillor and of the orders issued shall be submitted every week to the Dewan for information.

4. Should any material difference of opinion between the Dewan and the Councillor be established with respect to a case falling under Rule 3, it will be in the discretion of the Dewan either to direct that the matter may be dealt with as though it were one falling within the Schedule, or to submit it direct for the orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

5. If, in any matter connected with a Department not immediately under his own charge, the Dewan considers that immediate action is necessary and that the delay involved in consulting the Councillor in charge of the Department is likely to be prejudicial, he may issue orders on his own authority. In all such cases, a copy of the Dewan's orders shall at once be supplied to the Member whose Department is concerned, and the proceedings shall be reported for the information of His Highness the Maharaja, with a statement of the reasons which necessitated recourse to the special powers conferred by this rule.

6. The Secretary in each Department shall work under the general or special directions of the Dewan and be responsible to him except in regard to cases falling under Rule 3, as to which the Secretary shall take the orders of the Councillor concerned.

7. A Member shall have the power to call upon the Secretary to supply information regarding a case pending before such Member, or regarding the manner of, or delay in, disposal of any case which the Member has had before him.

8. The Dewan shall regulate the order of business in Council and preside at the meetings.

9. A Journal shall be kept in which the opinions of the Dewan and Members shall be recorded.

10. The Council shall meet regularly at stated intervals. His Highness the Maharaja or the Dewan may summon a meeting of the Council whenever His Highness or the Dewan may deem it necessary.

11. Whenever the Dewan and the Councillors, or any of them, are on tour, or whenever otherwise necessary, papers may be disposed of in circulation.

12. (1) Appeals which lie to Government under Section 210 of the Mysore Land Revenue Code, IV of 1888, from the decisions of the Revenue Commissioner, in cases falling under clauses (*a*) to (*g*) of Section 221 thereof, shall be heard and decided by two Members of Council.

(2) In the disposal of the matters aforesaid, the following rules shall be observed :—

(*a*) When there arises a difference of opinion between two Members of Council on any material question pending before them, such question shall be referred to the Dewan, and the decision of the Government shall follow the opinion with which the Dewan agrees;

(*b*) No order of a subordinate officer shall be modified or reversed without due notice of the hearing of the case to the party whose interests will thereby be affected;

(*c*) Any party appearing in person will be duly heard, provided that a woman or a minor may appear by her or his next friend or guardian.

V. P. MADHAVA RAO,
Dewan of Mysore.

Distribution of work by Departments between the Dewan and the Members of Council.

The Dewan shall take charge of :—

(1) Political.
(2) Financial.
(3) Geological Survey and Mining.
(4) Public Works and Railways.
(5) Military and Amrut Mahal.
(6) Land Revenue Department.

The First Councillor :—

(1) Forest.
(2) Excise.
(3) Education.
(4) Legislation.
(5) Judicial.
(6) Registration.
(7) Local and Municipal Funds.

The Second Councillor :—

(1) Muzrai.
(2) Police.
(3) Medical including Sanitary and Plague.
(4) Prisons.
(5) Pensions.
(6) Stamps.
(7) Statistics.
(8) Meteorology.
(9) Minor Departments (*viz.*, Press, Stationery, Stores, Museum and Archæology).